

February 23, 2007

(Private Provider)

Dear (Private Provider)

As you know with the recent clarification in Medicaid Rules, only schools may bill Medicaid for rehabilitative services provided in the schools. School Districts have until July 1, 2007, to be in full compliance with this policy. In the meantime, we have honored many of our Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with private providers to continue services in our school until the end of this school year. However, as you know we are unable to initiate or provide any new MOUs from this time forward.

Schools are federally obligated to provide a free and appropriate public education to all children and must meet the individualized needs of each child. If a child requires specialized services, then the school must assure that the child receives them. School may meet this obligation in a variety of ways, including using our own staff or contracting with a private DDA or PSR agency. Schools can then bill Medicaid for many of these services to recoup expenses.

In the next few months, School District #25 will be developing board policy, contracts for private providers and the process to determine when and if contracts are necessary. There may be instances when the district wishes to contract with a private agency to provide services that are required as part of the IEP, as we do currently for other required services.

We are in the process of establishing a fee schedule for contracts. If your agency is

willing to contract with our district for the State's school district's reimbursable amount, please send a letter to indicate your interest in contracting with our district and identify the services that your agency can provide. Please address the letter to:

Ms. Lynda Steenrod
Director of Special Services
Pocatello/Chubbuck School District
3115 Poleline Road
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

We will be accepting letters of interest until March 15, 2007. If you have any questions please call me at (208)235-3242.

Thank you for your interest in working with the students of our district.

Sincerely.

Lynda Steenrod
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